

HOUSE RESOLUTION 271

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Miles Burdine for his meritorious military service.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans have continued this time-honored tradition of volunteerism through service in the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, one such brave and dedicated Tennessean is Colonel Miles Burdine, who has bravely served in Iraq to combat terrorism and ensure our freedom; and

WHEREAS, a native of Kingsport, Miles Burdine graduated from the University of Tennessee, and he has served in the United States Marine Corps on either active or reserve duty status for twenty-five years; and

WHEREAS, during his tour in Iraq, Colonel Burdine commanded Marine Corps Detachment 1, 6th Civil Affairs Group; and

WHEREAS, providing security for Governor Maamoon Sami Rasheed in the Al Anbar Province in the City of Ramadi, Miles Burdine and Detachment 1, 6th Civil Affairs Group protected the governor during numerous assassination attempts; and

WHEREAS, Miles Burdine and Detachment 1, 6th Civil Affairs Group helped rebuild Iraqi infrastructure through the formation of a new government; and

WHEREAS, working to stabilize the region, Detachment 1, 6th Civil Affairs Group facilitated dialogue between two rival Iraqi factions, the City of Ramadi's imams and the Ramadi Sheiks, by organizing a series of meetings and negotiations; and

WHEREAS, as a result of Detachment 1, 6th Civil Affairs Group's reconstruction and negotiation efforts, the December 15 elections for Iraq's National Council of Representatives was a tremendous success; the voter turn-out for the election was over seventy percent; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Burdine played a vital role in choosing the new City of Ramadi police chief, and Detachment 1, 6th Civil Affairs Group trained an Iraqi police force; and

WHEREAS, evincing his deep love for his family, community, and country, Miles Burdine epitomizes the spirit of volunteerism and commitment to service that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, Miles Burdine has served his country with courage and gallantry and deserves proper recognition for his heroism in the United States Marine Corps; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we recognize and honor Colonel Miles Burdine for his gallant and meritorious military service in Iraq, commend his commitment and dedication to the venerable principles of this great Nation, and wish him every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.